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1. CHINA

OFFICIAL PRC SPOKESMAN REFUSES COMMENT ON HK'S "S CNINA
MORNING POST" REPORT THAT "BRIEF BUT VIOLENT" CLASHES
OCCURRED LATE '76 ON SINO-VIET BORDER (REUTER PEKING).

FIVE MONTHS AFTER APPOINTED PREMIER, "PD" REVEALS HUA BORN
IN CHIAOCHENG, SHANSI PROVINCE, AND LED GUERRILLA FORCE
THERE DURING '40'S ANTI-JAPANESE WAR (REUTER PEKING).

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FOREIGN LITERATURE INSTITUTE ALLEGATIONS, CARRIED IN NCNA,
MAINTAIN "GANG OF FOUR" OFTEN AMUSED SELVES WITH PORNO-
GRAPHIC FILMS/HORROR BOOKS (REUTER HK).

JEFFREY STEIN (CSM) WRITES OF NATL CAMPAIGN BY PROMINENT
CHINESE-AMERICANS (INCLUDING PING TI-HO, LIEN Y. HO,
CHIN PIEN LI) TO PRESS FOR NORMALIZATION US-PRC RELS.
"NATL ASSN OF CHINESE-AMERICANS" TO BE HEADQUARTERED IN
BACK OFFICE OF DC'S YENCHING PALACE RESTAURANT.

2. JAPAN

OBERDORFER/WEINTRAUB (WP) CITE "INFORMED SOURCES" THAT BARTER HAS PICKED MIKE MANSFIELD AS NEW AMB TO JAPAN. NOTES IN HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARTER ADMIN'S POLICY TOWARD JAPAN, MANSFIELD URGES NO MORE "SHOCKS"/CONTINUED REDUCTIONS US' MIL PRESENCE IN JAPAN/"CODE OF CONDUCT" FOR INTL COMMERICAL DEALINGS.

CABINET VOTES TO EXTEND JAPAN'S TERRITORIAL WATERS FROM 3 TO 12 MILES/ESTABLISH 200-MI RESTRICTED SEA ZONE. DECISION SEEN INTENDED PUT JAPAN/USSR ON EQUAL FOOTING IN STALLED FISHERY NEGOTS. VOTE NOW NEEDS EXPECTED DIET APPROVAL (SUN'S SEIDEN). JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTEDLY INFORMED SK/PRC THAT NEW LIMITS WOULD NOT BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AGAINST THEM, LONG AS THEY DIDN'T ENFORCE SIMILAR LIMITS AGAINST JAPAN. IF TERRITORIAL WATER BILL ENACTED THIS DIET SESSION, WOULD TAKE EFFECT LATE SUMMER. DIET SOURCES SAY 200-MI BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER JULY'S UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS, REGARDLESS OF LOS CONF OUTCOME. STRAITS ADJACENT TO JAPAN EXCLUDED FROM TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, BUT HELD NO-FISHING ZONES FOR FOREIGNERS (NYT).

TREASURY INVESTIGATING WHETHER SOME 180-MIL-DOLS WORTH JAPANESE STEEL BEING DUMPED IN US. IF DUMPING FOUND UNCLASSIFIED

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OCCURRING/DETERMINED DAMAGING US INDUSTRY, COMPENSATORY DUTIES COULD BE IMPOSED ON JAPANESE STEEL IMPORTS (AP, WSJ; NYT).

JAPANESE DISTRICT COURT HANDS DOWN DECISION IN 18-YR-OLD CASE WHICH UPHOLDS SDF CONSTITUTIONALITY. PACIFISTS/OTHER REFORM GROUPS THINK DIFFERENTLY, PLAN APPEAL DECISION TO TOKYO HIGH COURT (THARP, CSM TOKYO).

JAPAN COUNCIL OF PORT/HARBOR TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNIONS OFFICIALS PLAN LAUNCH 24-HR NATIONWIDE STRIKE 4/8 IN MOVE PRESS SHIPPING LINES GRANT HIGHER WAGES THIS SPRING. OFFICIALS SAY IF STRIKE FAILS WIN ACTION, SUBSEQUENT LONGER WALKOUTS MAY BE STAGED (CULLISON, JOC).

IN SPEECH TO EUR BUSINESSMEN 3/29, FORMER VICE MIN FOR INTL TRADE/INDUSTRY YAMASHITA SAID JAPAN'S INTL COMPETITIVENESS HAS DECLINED IN RELATION TO ALL OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATIONS SINCE SMITHSONIAN CURRENCY SETTLEMENT 1/72 (JOC).

HITACHI TO BUILD AIRSEPARATION PLANT WITHIN NEXT YR FOR BIG THREE INDUSTRIAL GAS PRODUCING CO IN CALIF (JOC).

3. INDOCHINA

CAMBODIAN FONMIN IENG SARY IN PAKISTAN SAYS SATISFIED W/TALKS W/OFFICIALS. ADDS VISIT SHOULD HELP STRENGTHEN RELS (AFP, WP).

KAMM (NYT) AT RAWALPINDI REPORTS ASKED IENG SARY FOR INTERVIEW, WAS REFUSED; INSTEAD, GIVEN COPY BITTER STATEMENT THAT REITERATED VIGOROUSLY UNCONDITIONAL REJECTION OF ANY RELATIONSHIP W/US. STATEMENT SAID USLO PEKING DELIVERED CAMBODIAN AMB NOTE ASKING PERMISSION FOR US DELEGATION PAY OFFICIAL VISIT CAMBODIA OR MEET PP REP UNCLASSIFIED

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ANY PLACE IN SEA; CAMBODIA REFUSED REQUEST. KAMM PRE-SUMES REQUEST INVOLVED WOODCOCK MISSION. ADDS STATEMENT LEFT AT HOTEL DESK BY IENG SARY AIDE TO AVOID CONTACT W/KAMM.

ELEVEN COFFINS W/BODIES RETURNED BY WOODCOCK MISSION ARRIVE FOR US FOR BURIAL. REMAINS HAD BEEN UNDERGOING POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION (AP, SUN).

4. THAILAND

POLICE ARREST 2 CIVILIANS IN CONNECTION W/ATTEMPTED COUP; 1 IS MFA RR MAN, OTHER TV COMMENTATOR (WP). MCARTHUR (LAT 3/29) REVIEWS SITUATION ATTEMPTED COUP LEADER EX-GEN CHALARD. NOTES SEVERAL ASIAN COUNTRIES HAVE REFUSED GIVE HIM PERMISSION ENTER; SAYS JUNTA STRONG MAN GEN KRIANGSAK CONSIDERS PROMISE GIVE CHALARD SAFE PASSAGE HAD BEEN FULFILLED, SO CHALARD MAY FACE TRIAL. ADDS REPORT THAT CHALARD PERSONALLY SHOT GEN AROON, 1ST DIV CMDR SLAIN DURING COUP ATTEMPT, THOUGHT MAJOR FACTOR IN RTG'S DECISION PROSECUTE CHALARD.

5. PHILIPPINES

SEEKING DISSIPATE WORRIES OF SOUTHERN PHILS CHRISTIANS OVER CONCESSIONS TO MOSLEMS IN AREA, PRES MARCOS TOLD PRESS/PUBLIC ON TV TUES THAT DESPITE HIS PROCLAMATION OF AUTONOMY FOR 13-PROVINCE REGION AND REPRESENTATION IN PROVISIONAL GOVT FOR MORO NATL LIBERATION FRONT, GOP STILL HOLDS RESIDUAL POWERS. ADDED HE'S PREPARED GRANT ALL REGIONS OF COUNTRY SAME LIMITED TYPE AUTONOMY AS THAT GIVEN SOUTH (NYT SPEC).

IN DETROIT TUES, DEFENSE ATTYS FOR 2 FILIPINA VA NURSES CHARGED WITH POISONING HOSPITAL PATIENTS MOCKED GOVT CASE AGAINST CLIENTS; PROMISED PRESENT EVIDENCE 2 OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONS MAY HAVE COMMITTED CRIME (UPI, CHITRIB; REUTER 3/29).

6. MALAYSIA

BANKING SOURCES SAY MALAYSIA'S NATL ELECTRICITY BOARD PLANS BORROW SOME 25 MIL DOLS FROM INTL BANKS AS PART 125-MIL-DOL FINANCING PKG FOR NEW THERMAL GENERATING PROJECT. BOARD WILL ALSO SEEK ABOUT 15 MIL DOLS FROM WB (WSJ).

7. INDONESIA

GOI AGAIN DENIES IT IS CLOSE TO SETTLING DISPUTES ON VARIOUS TANKER CHARTERS INVOLVING PERTAMINA/GENEVA-BASED BRUCE RAPPAPORT SHIPPING GROUP. DISPUTES ALSO SUBJECT VARIOUS COURT ACTIONS IN US/EUR IN NAME OF AFFILIATED LIBERIAN/PANAMANIAN TANKER FIRMS, OUT OF WHICH RAPPAPORT SEEKING ATTACH INDONESIAN PROPERTY/FUNDS (JOC).

CANADA-BASED INCO LTD HOPEFUL FOR SUCCESS AS 1ST STAGE 85B-MIL-DOL NICKEL REFINERY COMPLEX OPENS IN SOROAKO. BY NEXT YR'S END, PLANT EXPECTED ACCOUNT FOR 7-8 PCT NON-COMMUNIST WORLD'S NICKEL OUTPUT (PURA, WSJ).

8. ANP

QUEENSLAND GOVT INTRODUCES BILL IN STATE PARLIAMENT SEEKING AUTHORIZATION AID IN RESTRUCTURING DEBT OF AILING NICKEL PROJECT, OF WHICH FREEPORT MINERALS CO HAS 50 PCT INTEREST (WSJ).

BRITISH/FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONERS OF NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDS RECOMMEND THEIR GOVTS DISSOLVE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTED AMID CONTROVERSY 16 MOS AGO. FRENCH REP SAID MOVE WOULD HELP MAINTAIN PUBLIC CALM/ORDER UNTIL NEXT UNCLASSIFIED

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ELECTIONS (AFP, WP).

TONGA WILL SHIP 5,000 BATS, AT 1 DOL EA, TO GUAM, WHERE BAT FANCIERS WILL PAY 4-6 DOLS PER ANIMAL TO FEAST ON THIS GOURMET TREAT (UPI, CSM).

9. KOREA

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE LAWYERS PREPARE MEMO DEFINING OFFENSES FOR WHICH CONGRESSMEN MIGHT BE INVESTIGATED/INCUR PENALTIES UP TO EXPULSION. STEP STARTS OUTLINE SCOPE PROBE ALLEGEDLY IMPROPER/ILLEGAL RECEIPT SK FAVORS (NYT SPEC).

BABCOCK (WP) NOTES 83-PG "MANUAL OF OFFENSES AND PROCEDURES" PREPARED BY SPECIAL COUNSEL URGES STRONGER STANDS TO JUDGE CONGRESSMEN WHO ACCEPTED CASH/GIFTS FROM ROKG. ADDS CURRENT DOJ PROBE OF ALLEGED SK INFLUENCE-BUYING ON HILL HAS BOGGED DOWN, DUE DIFFICULTY TRACING CASH PAYMENTS/PROVING KNOWLEDGE INTENT PAYMENTS MEANT INFLUENCE RECIPIENT.

BINDER (NYT) REPORTS PRES' APPROVAL 2 BILLION DOLS IN MIL SALES TO SEVERAL NATIONS INCL SK. QUOTES DOS THAT APPROVAL CONCERNED "NONCONTROVERSIAL" SALES; ADMIN STILL HOLDING UP ACTION ON 3 BILLION IN SALES MORE CONTROVERSIAL ARMS.

LAWYERS FOR 5 "MOONIES" TURNED OVER TO PARENTS BY SF COURT ASK COURT CITE PARENTS FOR CONTEMPT FOR ALLEGEDLY DISOBEYING ORDER KEEP DEPROGRAMMERS AWAY (AP, SUN). TWO "MOONIES" TURNED OVER TO PARENTS BY COURT DECIDE QUIT UNIFICATION CHURCH AFTER MTG W/DEPROGRAMMER FRIENDS (WP).

COATES (CHITRIB) SEES ROKG ARREST 6 TOP SUN MYUNG MOON ASSOCIATES AS PART EFFORT PRES PARK PACIFY AMERICANS ANGERED BY SECT/ALLEGED ROLE IN HILL INFLUENCE-BUYING; UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRESTED CHARGED W/FAILURE PAY 12 MILLION DOLS INCOME TAXES/ILLEGALLY CHANNELING 6.2 MILLION DOLS INTO SECT TREASURY.

10. GENERAL

GOODSELL (CSM) REPORTS OVER HALF SHOES SOLD IN US PAST JAN MADE IN PLACES LIKE BRAZIL/ARGENTINA/ITALY/TAIWAN/SK. RESULT IS OUTPOURING PROTEST FROM MNFRERS/UNIONS/OTHERS DEMANDING QUICK IMPOSITION TARIFF QUOTAS. NOTES PRES HAS UNTIL APR 9 TO ACT ON ITC RECOMMENDATIONS.

INTL NARC AGENTS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED RE GROWING INVOLVEMENT ASIAN COMMUNISTS' IN DRUG TRADE. NK/PRC/LAOS/CP OF BURMA ALL APPEAR INVOLVED SOME EXTENT IN DRUG TRADE (UPI BANGKOK).

SEHLSTEDT (SUN)/SHABECOFF (NYT) NOTE NATL ACADEMY SCIENCES REPORT GUAYULE--SHRUB THAT GROWS WILD IN SW US/N MEXICO--PRODUCES LATEX ALMOST IDENTICAL W/THAT FROM RUBBER TREES, COULD BE GROWN COMMERCIALY. BOTH ADD MOST RUBBER TREES GROW IN SEA AND US NOW IMPORTS 700,000 TONS NATL RUBBER ANNUALLY AT COST 500 MILLION DOLS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

HART (BALTO NA 3/29) OBSERVES NYT WAS RELENTLESS OPPONENT OF WAR, BUT ON MARCH 21 "DISCOVERED" WRONG SIDE HAD WON. SAYS OCCASION WAS PUBLICATION GELINAS' ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN SVN SINCE "LIBERATION." NOTES ON SAME DAY ANTHONY LEWIS TOOK NOTE OF CAMBODIAN HORROR. CONCLUDES TOO LATE TO WEEP, "SO WE MIGHT AS WELL LAUGH."

MAGGIE LEWIS (CSM) REVIEWS EMERSON'S "WINNERS AND LOSERS," UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT VN WAR, AND HANGEN'S "TELL HIM THAT I HEARD," BY WIFE JOURNALIST WELLES HANGEN WHO DISAPPEARED IN CAMBODIA IN 1970. OPINES EMERSON BOOK INDICATES AUTHOR ONE OF WAR'S CASUALTIES. FINDS HANGEN "VIVACIOUS" ACCOUNT OF WAR CORRESPONDENT'S WIFE; MENTIONS AFTER HUSBAND'S DISAPPEARANCE SHE SENT CABLES TO SIHANOUK/SAMPLES STORIES TO PRC W/CRONKITE TO PROVE WELLES OBJECTIVE REPORTER/NOT SPY.

.2. JAPAN

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REUTER (TOKYO) ANALYZES IMPACT WORLD TREND TOWARD 200-MI FISHING ZONES HAVING ON JAPAN, MENTIONS FACT JAPAN IS WORLD'S LARGEST FISHING/FISH-EATING NATION. US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON MATTER US' LIMIT FINALLY WORKED OUT AFTER TOUGH NEGOTS, BUT TALKS W/USSR COMPLICATED BY SOVERIEGNTY DISPUTE OVER 4 SOVIET-HELD ISLANDS OFF HOKKAIDO. NOTES AGRIC/FORESTRY MIN SUZUKI PLANS ENFORCE JAPAN'S 200-MI ZONE ON "RECIPROCAL BASIS" WITH SK/PRC IN ORDER AVOID FRICTION/SEPARATE FISHERY ISSUE FROM OTHER PROBLEMS (CHI-TRIB).

JOC SAYS LIKELY JAPAN "WILL FIND ITSELF UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE" AT LONDON ECON SUMMIT TO LAUNCH ANOTHER ECON-STIMULATING PROGRAM. GOJ OFFICIALS CONCERNED THAT TOO MANY EFFORTS RELATE ECONOMY MAY OVERLY STIMULATE INFLATION, WHICH 10 PCT RATE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO FUKUDA. DESPITE PRESSURES SEEN AWAITING IN LONDON, JAPANESE LEADERS REMAIN UNCONVINCED TOKYO SHOULD RISK ANOTHER INFLATION UPSURGE.

13. KOREA

WP'S SAAR (SEOUL) NOTES CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER CARTER'S HUMAN RTS MESSAGE HAS REACHED/AFFECTED PARK. BELIEVES RECENT EVENTS SEEM SHOW SEOUL WANTS AVOID FURTHER CLASHES UNCLASSIFIED

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OVER CIVIL LIBERTIES W/WH, CONGRESS. REMARKS ULTIMATE
FUTURE HUMAN RTS IN SK TURNS ON STRENGTH/STABILITY
PARK REGIME. SOME ANALYSTS CONTEND PARK CAN AFFORD
LOWER GUARD SINCE HE HAS BUILT SOLID POPULAR SUPPORT;
OTHERS SAY HE HAS FOLLOWED CONSISTENT COURSE OVER LAST
16 YRS, WILL CONTINUE PERPETUATE/CONSOLIDATE HIS POWER
VIA MEANS WHICH HAVE STEADILY ERODED FREEDOM IN SK.
ADDS OPPOSITIONISTS FEAR WORSENING CONDITIONS AFTER
US TROOP PULLOUT/DISMAYED THAT CARTER SEPARATES SECURITY
FROM HUMAN RTS ISSUES.

14. GENERAL

NYT PRAISES CARTER'S POLICY ON NUKE NON-PROLIFERATION.
NOTES PRC MEMBER OF "CHARMED CIRCLE," WHILE SK/TAIWAN/
OTHERS POSSESS NUKE CAPABILITY. ADDS LATTER HAVE SIGNED
NPT, THO TREATY NOT PERMANENTLY BINDING.

IN PARIS, SULZBERGER (NYT) ANALYZES ASIAN INTL RELS FROM
PERSPECTIVE 2 TRIANGLES: US/USSR/INDIA, US/PRC/PAKISTAN.
STATES CHINA-PAKISTAN AXIS FACILITATED US-PRC FENCE-
MENDING, W/BHUTTO ACTING AS GO-BETWEEN. RESULT WAS THAT

PEKING'S "BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY" TOWARD WASHINGTON
PUSHED USSR/INDIA CLOSER TOGETHER, BETWEEN WHICH HUA NOW
SEEKING DRIVE WEDGE IN ORDER BREAK "SOVIET RING BEING
FORGED AROUND CHINA."

RE 2ND TRIANGLE, SULZBERGER CITES FIRM TOKYO/PEKING TIES,
WASHINGTON'S RECENT PRACTICE "IGNORING" PEKING. MENTIONS
JAPANESE WORRIED US' KOREAN WITHDRAWAL COULD LEAVE THEIR
W COAST EXPOSED, OR THAT NK "WITH OR WITHOUT SOVIET
ENCOURAGEMENT," MIGHT DECIDE "TEST" VACUUM AFTER US
DEPARTURE. CONCLUDES "GRINDING AND STRETCHING" THESE
2 TRIANGLES DOMINATING ASIA HAVE BEGUN NEW STRATEGIC
REARRANGEMENT, BUT QUESTION IS "HOW AND HOW MUCH?"
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